Fake Currency Racket in Gujarat

2177. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many fake currency note rackets have been busted in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;

(c) the action taken by Government against the operators of such rackets; and

(d) the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to curb such activities in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During last 2 years *i.e.* 2000 and 2001, 119 cases concerning fake currency were registered in Gujarat. In these cases, 254 accused persons were arrested in Gujarat and chargesheeted.

(d) To curb circulation of fake currency notes in the country including Gujarat, the Government has taken a number of steps which *inter-alia* include setting up special unit in the Central Bureau of Investigation, exclusively for investigation of counterfeit currency notes, shoring up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Custom Authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency notes into the country, training and sensitisation of police officers, incorporation of special security features in high denomination notes and dissemination of information on security features through print media and Doordarshan for the benefit of public.

Revenue deficit of States

2178. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue deficit in States has plunged to Rs. 513 billions during fiscal year, 2001 from a surplus of Rs. 6 billions during fiscal years, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof;